The listing of claims presented below replaces all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. (Withdrawn) A method for the treatment of an individual having a condition characterized by abnormal myocardial cell Na^+, K^+ or Ca^{2+} ion levels, said method comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of one or more ~~ss; 3~~ β_3 adrenoceptor agonists to said individual.

2. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 1 wherein the condition is selected from the group consisting of heart failure, and myocardial hypertrophy.

3. (Original) A method for the treatment of an individual suffering from or susceptible to heart failure or myocardial hypertrophy, said method comprising administering a therapeutically effective amount of one or more β_3 adrenoceptor agonists to said individual.

4. (Original) The method according to claim 3 wherein the individual is an individual having one or more clinical symptoms of heart failure or myocardial hypertrophy.

5. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 3 wherein the β_3- adrenoceptor agonist is selected from the group consisting of arylethanolamines, aryloxypropanolamines, <u>and</u> trimetoquinols.

6. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 3 wherein the ~~ss 3~~ β_3 adrenoceptor agonist is selected from the group consisting of BRL37344, ~~BRL 35135~~, BRL 26830, BRL 26830A, BRL 35113, ZD7114, CGP12177, CGP 12177A, CGP-20712A, CL316243, ICI07114, ICI215001, ICI 201651, BRL35135A, BRL28410, N-5984, (R)-N-[4-[2-[[2-Hydroxy-2- (pyridin-3-yl)ethyl]amino]ethyl]phenyl]- 4- [4-(4-trifluoro-methylphenyl)thiazol-2- yl] benzenesulfonamide (L-796568), (R)-N-[4-[2-[[2-hydroxy-2-(3-pyridinyl)-ethyl]amino]ethyl]phenyl]-1-(4-octylthiazol-2-yl)-5-indolinesulfonamide (L-755507), L- 770,644, L-766,892, L-757,793, L-796568, LY-377604, Ro 40-2148, SB-220646, SB- 226552, SB-

251023, SB-262552, SR 58306, SR 58375, SR 58339, SR 58611, SR 58611A, SR 59119A, GR-265261-X, AD-9677, and agonists of the series 2-(3-indolyl) alkylamino-1-(3-chlorophenyl)ethanols.

7. (Original) The method according to claim 3 wherein the β_3 adrenoceptor agonist is BRL37344.

8. (Original) The method according to claim 3 wherein the β_3-drenoceptor agonist further comprises β_1 antagonist activity and or further comprises ss; 2 antagonist activity.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 3 further comprising administering one or more β blockers to said individual.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 9 wherein the β blocker is nadolol.

11. (Original) The method according to claim 9 wherein the β blocker is a β_1 and/or β_2 adrenoceptor antagonist.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 9 wherein the β blocker is administered to said individual prior to, simultaneously with or subsequent to administration of the one or more β_3 adrenoceptor agonists.

13. (Original) The method according to claim 3 further comprising at least partially stabilizing said individual prior to administration of said β_3 adrenoceptor agonist.

14. (Original) The method according to claim 13 wherein said stabilizing comprises treatment with one or more compounds selected from the group consisting of ACE- inhibitors, aldosterone antagonists and β-adrenoceptor antagonists.

15. (Withdrawn) A method for treatment of a condition characterized by abnormally high myocardial cell Na+ ion level, said method comprising administration to an individual having said condition of a therapeutically effective amount of one or more β_3- adrenoceptor agonists.

16. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 15 wherein said condition characterized by abnormally high myocardial cell Na^+ ion level is selected from the group consisting of heart failure, myocardial hypertrophy, and diabetic cardiomyopathy.

17. (Withdrawn) Use of one or more β_3 adrenoceptor agonists for the manufacture of a medicament for treatment of an individual having a condition characterized by abnormal myocardial cell Na^+, K^+ or Ca^{2+} ion levels.

18. (Withdrawn) One or more β_3-adrenoceptor agonists for use in the treatment of an individual having a condition characterized by abnormal myocardial cell Na^+, K^+ or Ca^{2+} ion levels.

19. (Withdrawn) Use of one or more β_3-adrenoceptor agonists for the manufacture of a medicament for treatment of an individual suffering from or susceptible to heart failure or myocardial hypertrophy.

20. (Withdrawn) One or more β_3-adrenoceptor agonists for use in the treatment of an individual suffering from or susceptible to heart failure or myocardial hypertrophy.

21. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition for use in the treatment of an individual having a condition characterized by abnormal myocardial cell Na^+, K^+ or Ca^{2+} ion levels, the composition comprising one or more β_3 adrenoceptor agonists together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvants, excipients and/or carriers.

22. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition for use in the treatment of an individual suffering

from or susceptible to heart failure or myocardial hypertrophy, the composition comprising one or more β_3 adrenoceptor agonists together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvants, excipients and/or carriers.

23. (Withdrawn) A pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more β_3 adrenoceptor agonists and one or more β_1 and/or β_2 adrenoceptor antagonists, together with one or more pharmaceutically acceptable adjuvants, excipients and/or carriers.

24. (Withdrawn) A method for the extrusion of Na^+ from a myocardial cell or cells, the method comprising contacting said cell (s) one or more β_3 adrenoceptor agonist(s).

25. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 24 wherein said method comprises Na,K pump stimulation.